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Sir:

Applicants petition for a 3-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of August 15, 2002, which will extend the response date to February 19, 2003. The proper fees are enclosed to cover this petition.

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8, 12, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 as follows. New claims 26-32 are also added herein.

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